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CELEBRATE ARCHEOLOGY MONTH AT THE DEERING ESTATE

(MIAMI, March 4, 2009) – As part of March’s celebration and awareness of Archeology Month, the Deering Estate is offering a variety of specialty programs for children and adults. Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for our monthly “Book Nook by the Bay.” Enjoy family story-time, on-site eco-arts and crafts, science programs and more! “Book Nook by the Bay” is held on the first Saturday of each month. The program offers an environmentally themed topic, story-time and a host of activities. This month’s topic is “Archeology.” This program is free with regular admission to the Estate - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 4-14).

Celebrate Archeology Day at the Deering Estate on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join us for expert lectures, walk our historic Tequesta Trail to a midden and the Cutler Burial Mound, visit the grand opening of our new exhibit “Ancestral Portraits” or uncover fossils with the kids at our mock archeology dig site. The first lecture and Tequesta Trail Tour begins at 10:00 am and runs for approximately 2 hours. There will be two more tours at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Featured speakers include Robert Carr and Dr. Michelle Williams. This program is free with regular admission to the Estate - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 4-14). A special thanks to the Florida Public Archeology Network, Archeology Society of Southern Florida and the Miami-Dade County Office of Historic and Archeological Resources for their contribution to this program.

For more information please visit www.deeringestate.org or call 305-235-1668 ext. 233.

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The Deering Estate at Cutler, a Miami-Dade County Park, is located at 16701 SW 72 Avenue in Miami. This 444-acre natural and archaeological preserve and historic site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a center for education, culture and recreation. Historic house tours and natural area tours are offered daily with admission to the Estate. Eco-tours are also offered throughout the year for an additional fee. For more information on the Deering Estate's educational and cultural programs please visit www.deeringestate.org.

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